

CLAIMS

1 1. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, one or more steps of said
3 method performed over a network, said method comprising:
4 dynamically allocating said bandwidth to a plurality of communication channels,
5 each of said channels retaining one or more instances of content;
6 recursively receiving user preferences of content information from multiple users,
7 said preferences comprising one or more of: selection requests for specific
8 content, evaluations of existing content, and evaluations of potential content;
9 dynamically retaining within a selected channel a collection of specific instances
10 of content based on an a collation of said preferences, said collection placed on an
11 allocated communication channel over a period of time;
12 dynamically allocating user access to said one or more dynamically allocated
13 communication channels based on a best match with said preferences.

1 2. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said evaluations of existing and potential content represent user preferences based on
4 voting for or against the content.

1 3. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said evaluations of potential content comprises introduction of new content which,
4 based upon a comparison with said collected content, appears to be a high probability
5 match and said evaluations are used to validate or invalidate said match.

1 4. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said instances of content comprise selected songs.

1 5. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said distribution of content comprises distributing selected songs across the Internet
4 to a user.

1 6. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said distribution of content comprises distributing selected songs across the Internet
4 and said communication channels comprise streaming audio channels.

1 7. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein

3 said distribution of content comprises distributing selected electronic content to a user
4 from any of: web distribution centers, cable television systems, and satellite systems.

1 8. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said distribution of content comprises distributing selected electronic content
4 comprising any of: video, software, personal ads, news stories, restaurant ratings,
5 evaluating advertisements, and political propositions including matching candidates
6 and issues.

1 9. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein
3 said step of allocating user access to one or more dynamically allocated
4 communication channels comprises dynamically providing said access based on a
5 match of a specific user's collaborative preferences with that of the collaborative
6 preferences of the allocated channel.

1 10. A method of optimizing bandwidth allocation based on selective filtering, distribution
2 of content and allocation of users to said distributed content, as per claim 1, wherein a
3 new user is mapped to an initial content channel by building a new user profile
4 comprising the steps of presenting a plurality of content selections to the user and
5 registering positive and negative votes of said content selections.

11. A collaborative content programming system, one or more elements of said system located across networks, said system comprising:
 - a content database, said content database retained within one or more storage locations across said network;
 - a content engine, said content engine collecting specific instances of content retained in said content database into channels;
 - an available channel selector, said selector providing access to said channels to content requestors;
 - said content engine determining a best match to connect each of said content requestors to one or more of said available channels based on specific content requests;
 - said content engine aggregating said specific content requests and requestor evaluations of specific content, and
 - said content engine dynamically modifying said collected specific instances of content retained in said content database into channels based on said aggregating.

12. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said evaluations comprise voting on existing and potential content, said voting representing user preferences.
13. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 12, wherein said evaluations of potential content comprises introduction of new content which, based

3 upon a comparison with said collected content, appears to be a high probability match
4 and said evaluations are used to validate or invalidate said match.

1 14. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content
2 comprises selected songs.

1 15. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content is
2 broadcast across the Internet.

1 16. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content is
2 broadcast across the Internet and said channels comprise streaming audio channels.

1 17. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content is
2 broadcast to a requestor from web distribution centers.

1 18. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content is
2 broadcast across said channels from any of: web distribution centers, cable television
3 systems, and satellite systems.

1 19. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content
2 comprises any of: video, software, personal ads, news stories, restaurant ratings,
3 evaluating advertisements, and political propositions including matching candidates
4 and issues.

1 20. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said
2 evaluations additionally include requests for omission of specific content.

1 21. A collaborative content programming system, as per claim 11, wherein said content
2 engine comprises at least data mining algorithms.

1 22. An e-commerce model for collaborative content programming with electronic access
2 to user modified channels of content, said model comprising:
3 a collection of individual content selections, said collection retained within computer
4 storage and accessible across computer networks;
5 computer software, said software tracking and aggregating both individual user's
6 requests based on specific content selections and evaluations of specific selections
7 from said collection, said aggregated requests and evaluations retained locally or
8 remotely in associated computer storage;
9 one or more channels, said channels dynamically collecting specific content based on
10 said aggregated requests and evaluations, said computer software assigning users to a
11 best matching channel, said channels accessible remotely by said users across said
12 networks, and
13 revenue collection based on any of: subscription fees, per content fee, advertising,
14 and content purchase options.

1 23. An article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer
2 readable program code embodied therein which selective filters and distributes

3 content based on combined user specific and collaborative inputs, said computer
4 readable program code comprising:

5 computer readable program code for allocating a communication channel for one
6 or more instances of content;

7 computer readable program code for recursively receiving content information
8 from multiple users, said content information comprising one or more of:
9 selection requests for specific content, evaluations of existing content, and
10 evaluations of potential content;

11 computer readable program code for collecting specific instances of content based
12 on said content information, said collected content placed on said allocated
13 communication channel over a period of time, and

14 computer readable program code for allocating user access to one or more
15 allocated communication channels based on said received content information.